



Fact Sheet: Shoup Bay

McAllister Creek & Kittiwake

Public Use Cabin



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The McAllister Creek and Kittiwake Public Use Cabins are located within Shoup Bay State Marine park on the north side of Port Valdez, approximately eight and one-half miles from Valdez. The McAllister Creek cabin is located at the out wash at the beach of McAllister Creek on the west side of the outer bay. The Kittiwake Public Use Cabin is located on the inner lagoon on the east side of the bay. The trail to the Kittiwake Cabin is at the far southeast corner of the lagoon. This trail is wide enough to accommodate a wheelchair and is compacted gravel. Assistance from a boat to the cabin may be necessary for those who will be using wheelchairs. The Moraine Public Use Cabin is located in the lagoon area just west of the Kittiwake Public Use Cabin. This cabin is leased to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service during the summer months. For availability during the off season, please inquire at the Public Information Center listed at the end of this fact sheet.

Access to Port Valdez salmon fishing, hiking and spectacular scenery and wildlife viewing are some of the recreational opportunities available within this marine park.

Please Be Aware: The port of Valdez has had additional restrictions imposed on it since September 11, 2001. The USCG has prohibited the anchoring of any boats outside the harbor within the port until further notice. The question was asked of the USCG about recreational anchoring in Shoup Bay. The USCG has requested that all boats notify them of their intent to do so and it shouldn't be a problem with proper notification. This includes Jack Bay and Sawmill Bay as well. The two ways to notify the USCG Vessel Traffic Center are on Marine VHF 13 or at 907-835-7205. This may change as the summer season approaches, but as of now and until further notice, no anchoring in the port, and with proper notification in Shoup Bay, Jack Bay and Sawmill Bay.

Accommodations:

The Kittiwake Cabin is fully wheelchair accessible upon reaching the boardwalk. Wheelchair-assisted access will be necessary from the beach landing to the boardwalk. Both cabins have two sets of full size bunk beds with a capacity to sleep eight people, with the two lower bunks being accessible. A table, benches, and counter are furnished along with an **oil stove. Use No. 1 Fuel Oil! NO #2 diesel or NO gasoline.** Please follow lighting instructions in cabin.

The closest fresh water source to the Kittiwake Cabin is not accessible to all users. So bring enough fresh water for your stay if you are unable to access the stream. Uno Creek is located southeast of the cabin. Another seasonally active stream is located directly east of the cabin along a trail leading through a small canyon.

At the McAllister Creek Cabin the fresh water source is McAllister Creek. **Please boil or treat water before drinking!** The latrine is located almost directly behind each cabin. Plan on providing your own toilet paper should none be found at the latrine.

Access:

The McAllister Creek and Kittiwake cabins can only be reached by private boat, floatplane, or commercial water taxi service. If using a private boat, please use the caution necessary for coastal Alaskan waters with respect to tides, weather, currents and your party's abilities and experience level. The waters of

Valdez Arm and Port Valdez are generally choppy in afternoons and can become hazardous to small watercraft. No mooring buoy exists at Shoup Bay SMP. Anchoring is at your own risk. If pulling a kayak, inflatable or small skiff ashore, be sure to secure your boat to avoid losing it at high tide or to surf conditions. The Kittiwake cabin can be reached two ways. An overland trail starts on the eastside of the creek leading to the lagoon. A shallow draft boat can carefully approach this point and drop people off here. The other way to approach the cabin is to enter the lagoon at high tide via a small watercraft with a shallow draft. An overland trail from Valdez was completed in the fall of 1999. The trail is for **summer use only** due to extreme avalanche danger in the winter months. The trail is approximately 11 miles in length with one ford at Uno Creek, approximately ½ mile from the cabins. Anticipate water levels from ankle to knee deep depending on rainfall and season. **Beware of icebergs and shifting sandbars near the head of the creek.**

Charter boat shuttle services are available in the Valdez Boat Harbor. Arrangements can be made with them for drop-offs and pick-ups at Shoup Bay SMP.

Reservations:

Reservations can be made on line at www.alaskastateparks.org, in person at our Public Information Center offices located in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau or at the nearest State Park office. Alaska residents can make reservations 7 months to the day in advance of the first night stay and non-residents 6 months to the day in advance, Monday through Friday beginning at 10:00 a.m. Alaska time. Advance reservations cannot be made on weekends or State holidays, but can be made the next business day. All other cabin reservations can be made 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Reservation requests can also be mailed or faxed. Credit cards (MasterCard or Visa) are accepted for payment when making reservations on line, mailing or faxing reservation requests or when paying in person at our Anchorage or Fairbanks offices. Reservations are not accepted over the phone. There is a \$10 service charge for changes or cancellations, which must be made 7 days in advance of the first night. A cabin credit less the \$10 service charge will be issued for reservations that are cancelled. A cabin credit is valid for one year from date of issue.

Cabin rental fee is \$65 peak and \$50 non-peak. The cabin can accommodate up to eight people with a stay limit of seven (7) nights. No person may enter, use or occupy a State Park Public Use Cabin without a paid, valid permit in their possession. Check-in/Check-out is 12:00 noon.

For further information contact:

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Shoup Bay State Marine Park

Facility Recommendations

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— State Marine Park Boundary

*Note: Land Ownership not shown.
Refer to Chapter 2 Maps*

